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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant:	Yamamoto, et al.	Examiner:	Eugene Lee
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For:	DAMASCENE INTERCONNECTION AND SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE		

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**RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S OBJECTIONS TO DRAWINGS**  
**ATTACHED TO NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY AND SUBMISSION OF**  
**REPLACEMENT FORMAL DRAWINGS**

Sir:

Attached hereto are four (4) sheets of formal drawings, as replacement sheets for Figures 1-6 and 10. The designation "PRIOR ART" has been added to Figures 1-4 on the replacement sheets. The semiconductor element has been added to Figure 10 of the drawing, as required by the Examiner. A marked-up copy of Figure 10 (one sheet) is attached hereto.

The drawings have been objected to as not showing a semiconductor element defined by Claim 18 communicating with an interconnection trench, and the pad trench communicating with the semiconductor element. The Examiner requires that these features be shown in the drawings.

The Examiner's comments in this regard are acknowledged and gratefully appreciated. Figure 10 has been amended, as shown attached, to show the semiconductor element

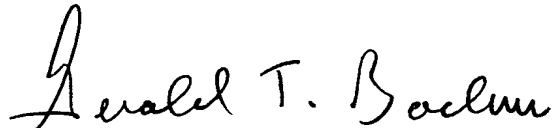
The Examiner's comments in this regard are acknowledged and gratefully appreciated. Figure 10 has been amended, as shown attached, to show the semiconductor element communicating with the interconnection trench which communicates with the pad trench (which, therefore, communicates with the semiconductor element).

A corrected drawing sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121(d) with Figure 10 thereon, and a marked-up copy of Figure 10 are attached hereto.

It is respectfully submitted that the drawings are now in proper form and obviate the objection under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a).

If the Examiner has any questions, it is respectfully requested that he contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Gerald T. Bodner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G".

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